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Children aged 5 to 16 are obliged to attend school. Until 18 years of age, your child has a qualification obligation. This means that your child must have a starting qualification. A starting qualification diploma is:

- Havo (can be compared to a Título de Bachiller)
- VWO (is comparable to obtaining the EBAU or EVAU)
- Mbo-niveau 2 or higher (can be compared to a Título de Técnico)

Your child needs a Citizen Service Number (BSN) to register with a school. If your child does not yet have a BSN, you can apply for a temporary education number from DUO (Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs).

◦ **The primary school (Educación Primaria)**

From the age of 4, a child in the Netherlands may attend primary school and from the age of 5 it is compulsory. Primary school runs from grade 1 to grade 8. You may choose the school for your child yourself and arrange the enrolment yourself. Some schools have a waiting list, so keep this in mind. Schools may refuse your child if, for example, you live too far away.

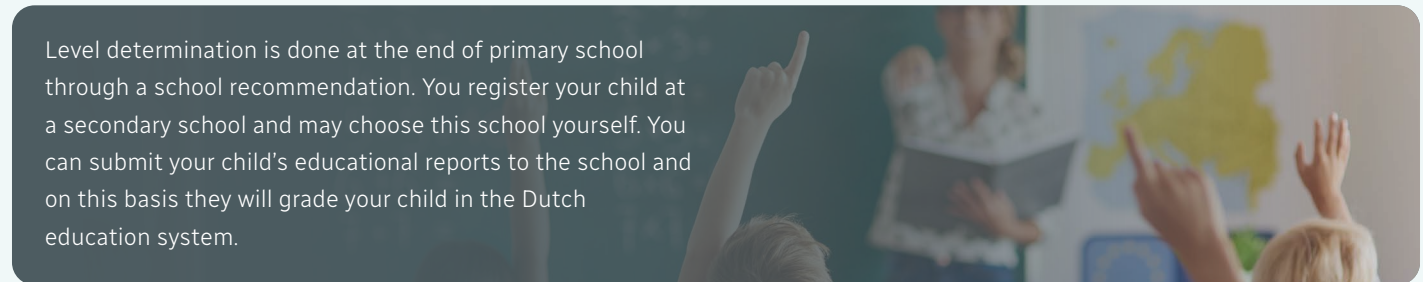
◦ **Secondary school (Título de Graduado en Educación Secundaria Obligatoria (ESO))**

Secondary school has different levels:

- VWO (secondary scientific education), lasts 6 years
- HAVO (senior general secondary education), lasts 5 years
- VMBO (preparatory secondary education), lasts 4 years

Within VMBO there is also a subdivision:

- Theoretische leerweg
- Gemende leerweg
- Kaderberoepsgerichte leerweg
- Basisberoepsgerichte leerweg



Level determination is done at the end of primary school through a school recommendation. You register your child at a secondary school and may choose this school yourself. You can submit your child's educational reports to the school and on this basis they will grade your child in the Dutch education system.

◦ **Your child does not speak, read or write Dutch**

It is likely that your child does not yet have a sufficient command of the Dutch language. In this case, discuss the possibilities for your child with your local school.



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